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**Conceptual Graph Interchange  
Format**

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# Agenda

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- **Problems**
- **Conceptual Graphs**
- **CGIF**
- **Applicability Issues**

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# Problems

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- **What Do We Really Want to accomplish?**
- **Direction Decisions**
  - What gets standardized?
  - Who is a standard really for?
  - What will they do with it?
  - Who sets the standard?
  - Stakeholders? Competitors?
  - Etc, ...
- **Knowledge Interchange Standards**

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## **Wish List From One User's Perspective**

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- **HBR? Yes, we want one of those.**
- **Human-like reasoned and non-reasoned responses**
- **What does it take?**
  - **A lot of knowledge for the (non)reasoning parts**
    - **Cost sharing through reuse - Standard representation**
    - **Cooperative generation - Standard representation**
    - **Machine learning - Standards ?**
  - **Capable processing system - Standards ?**
  - **Balancing act between reasoning and non-reasoning components - Standards ?**
- **Does this apply to non-reasoning parts?**
  - **Look at some of the difficulties with reasoned part**

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- Reasoned or Rational Part - knowledge

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- Knowledge Interchange Format (KIF)

- Stanford/DARPA Knowledge Systems Laboratory

- Emerging standard (BRC)

- Conceptual Graph Interchange Format (CGIF)

- No big name center, academic community, annual conferences

- Emerging standard (BRC)

- XML ?

- XML < --- > CGIF at UAH

- Are We aimed at the web?

- Linear Form / Display Form

- John Sowa

- BUT it is NOT Knowledge. What is knowledge?

- Etc, etc, etc

- CGIF definition of knowledge

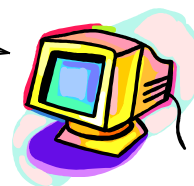
- Concept hierarchy

- Relation hierarchy

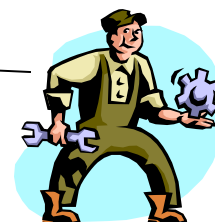
- Outermost Context

- Catalog of individuals

- Basic manipulations identified



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ANS ?  
ISO ?  
W3C ?  
DMSO ?

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- **Original work by John Sowa, IBM Systems Research Institute. Text published in 1984 based on his work in the 1970's. Based on the Graphical Logic of Charles Peirce.**
- **A method to model knowledge with both syntax and semantics**
  - **Perceptions generate conceptual graphs**
  - **Consists of concepts and relationships**
- **Needed a way to compute, simulate, etc. Brought actors to provide**
  - **Active elements or dynamic relationships**
  - **Message passing**
  - **Modularity of functions**
  - **Means of definition**
  - **Original work for database query generation**
- **Applied to queries, requirements definition and numerous other tasks.**

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## Conceptual Graph Symbol Key

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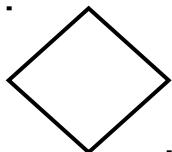
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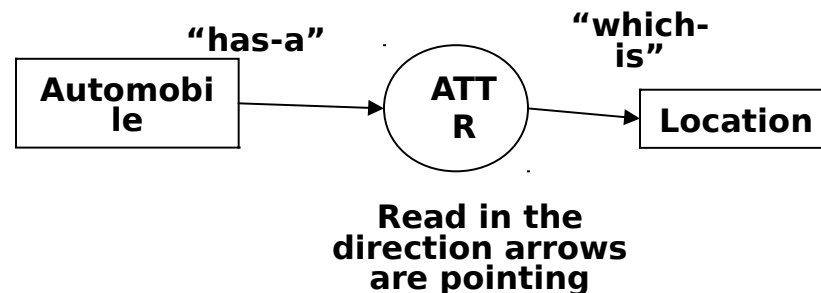
Rectangle shape means  
concept



Circle shape means  
a static relation



Diamond shape  
means  
Computation/Subroutine called an "Actor"  
Provides dynamic  
relationships  
between concepts



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# Text Symbolology Linear Form

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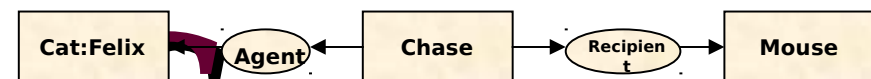
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- **[concept]**
- **(relation)**
- **<actor>**
- **. means end of graph**

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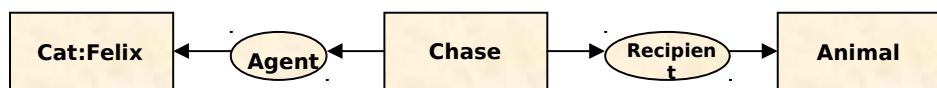
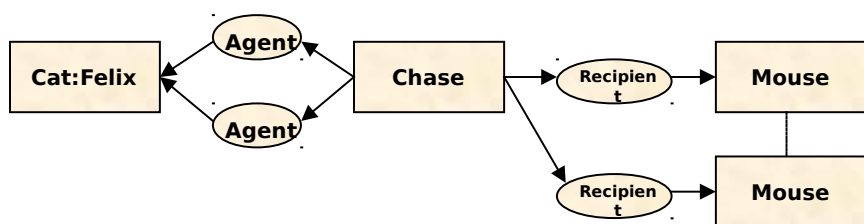


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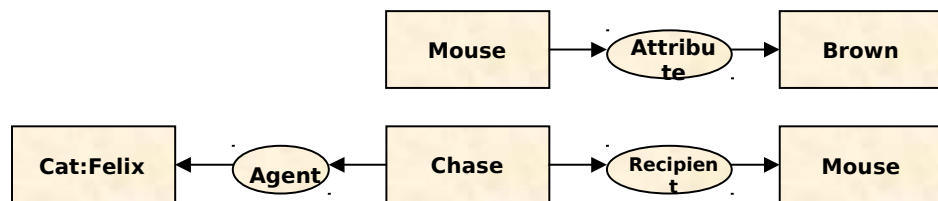
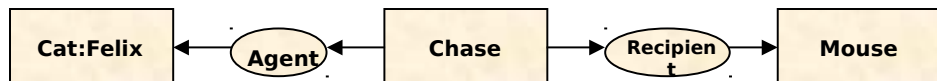
Copy

Simplify



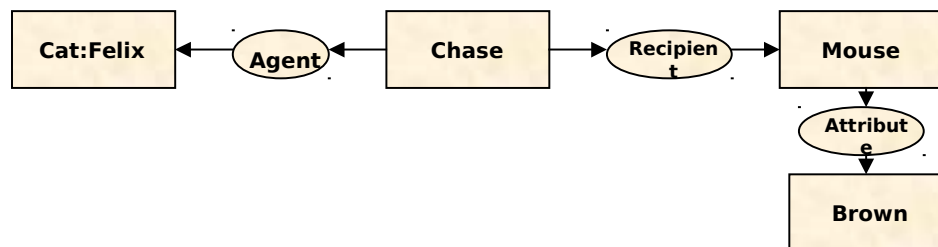
Restrict

Unrestrict

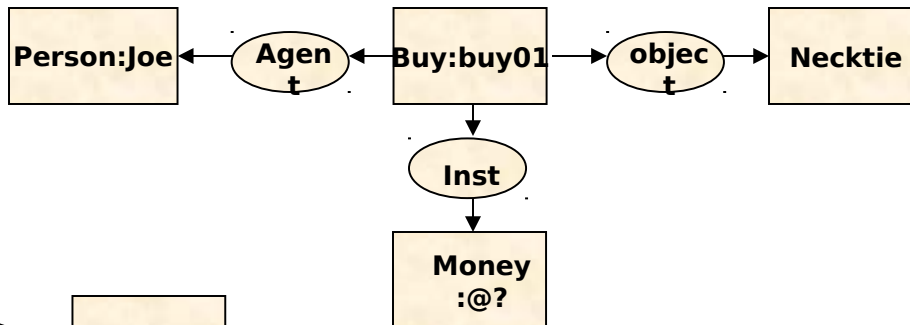


Join

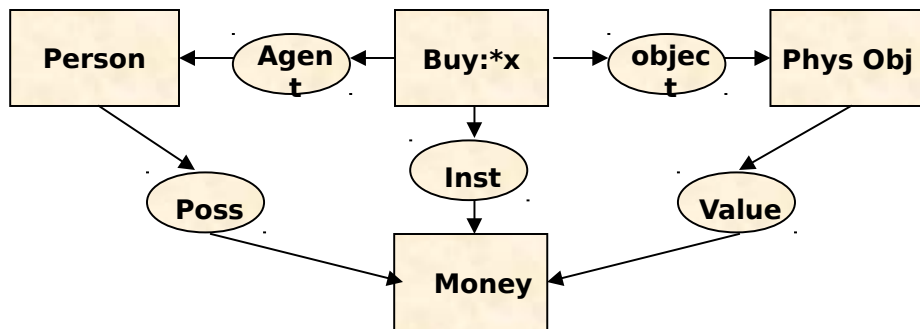
Detach



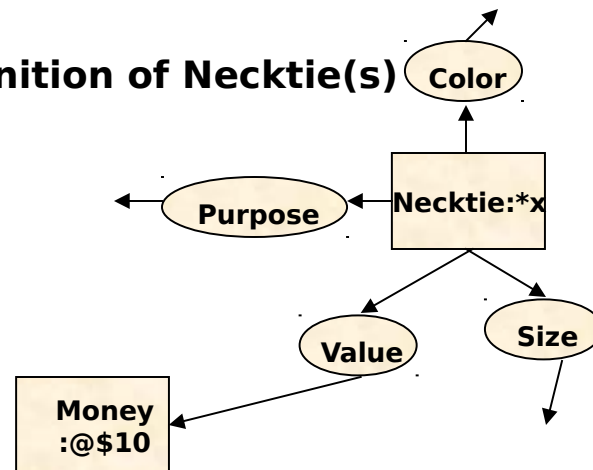
Query: How much did Joe's necktie cost?



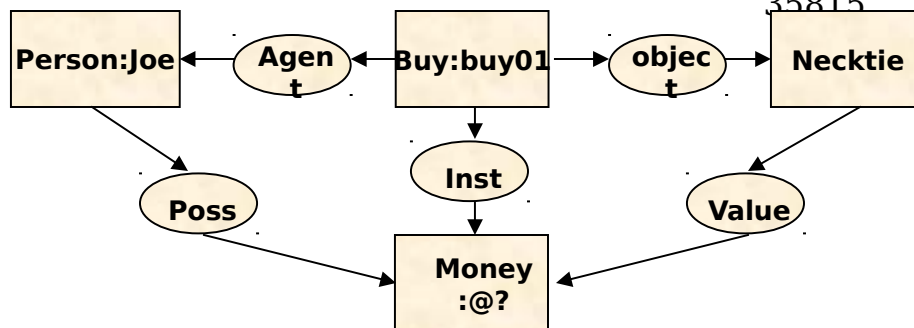
Definition of Buy



Definition of Necktie(s)

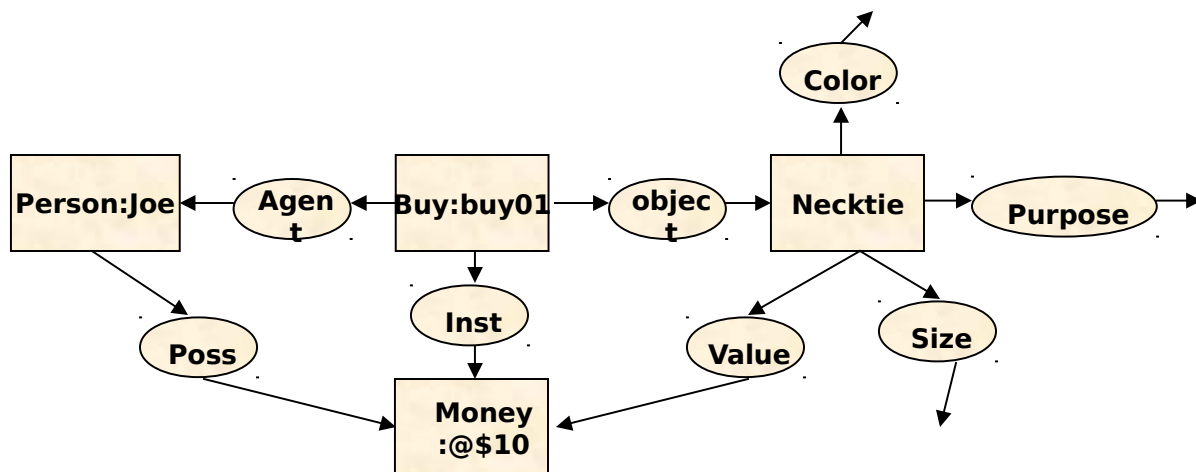


## 1) Elaborate Schema



## 2) Classify Necktie

## 3) Elaborate Schema



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## Why CGIF?

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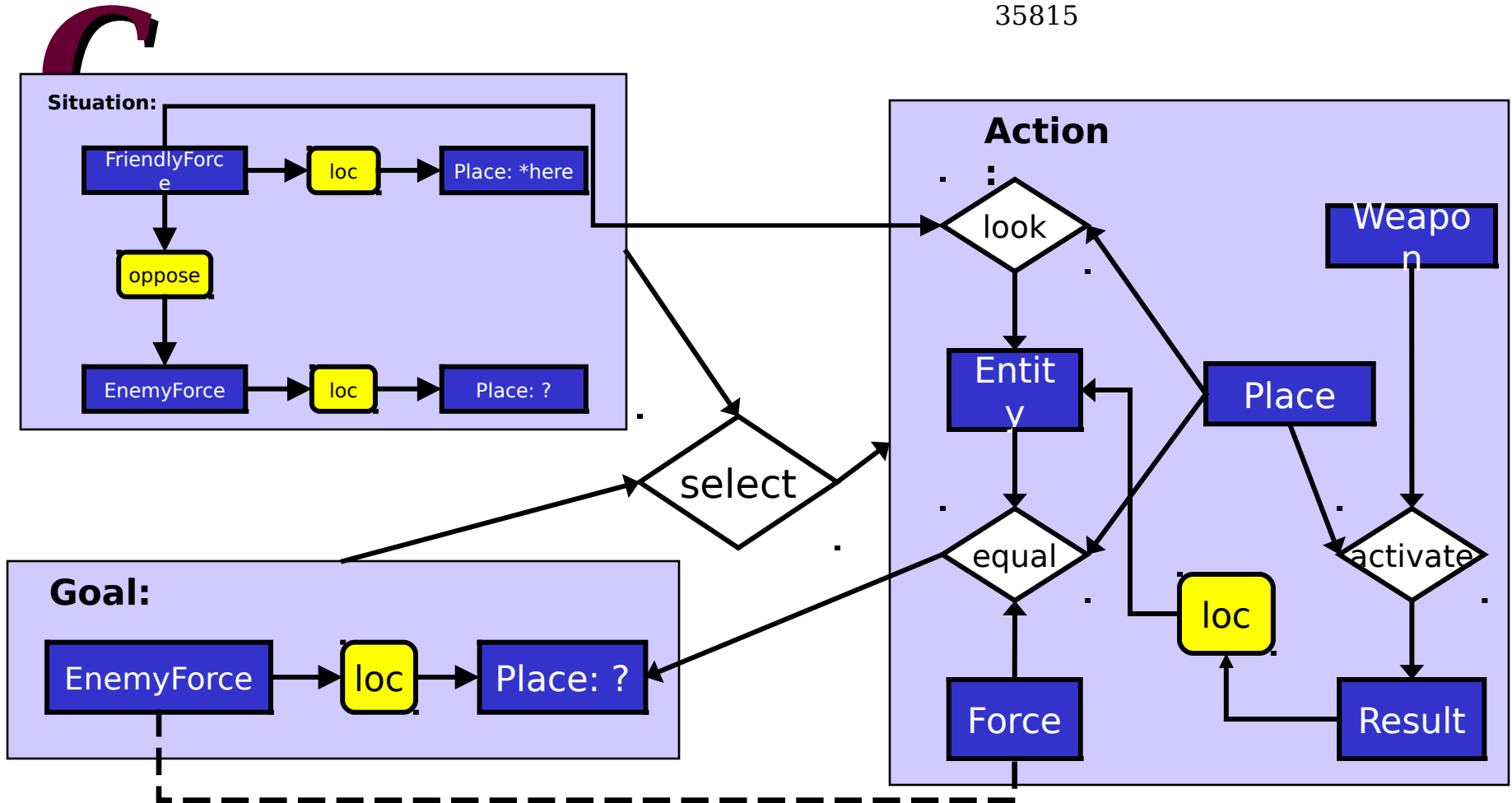
- **Mechanism for computers to exchange knowledge**
  - Text based
  - NOT human friendly
  - Ideas from Sowa's linear form
- **Does not say how to process the knowledge**
  - Any method can manipulate the knowledge, hopefully it contains a rational basis

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[TypeLabel :*t1 "FriendlyForce";{20,176,120,44}][TypeLabel :*t2 "EnemyForce";{156,176,108,37}]
[TypeLabel :*t3 "Place";{530,242,59,37}][TypeLabel :*t4 "Weapon";{242,240,78,37}][TypeLabel :*t5
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{240,48,57,37}][TypeLabel :*t8 "Goal";{472,162,52,37}][TypeLabel :*t9 "Situation";{374,162,80,37}]
[TypeLabel :*t10 "Action";{538,158,63,37}][TypeLabel :*t11 "Force";{141,113,60,37}]
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:*r3 "oppose";{442,129,72,37}][ActorLabel :*r4 "select";{264,127,60,37}][ActorLabel :*r5
"activate";{352,127,73,37}][RelationLabel :*r6 "has";{26,205,45,37}][RelationLabel :*r7 "attr";
{78,125,42,37}][ActorLabel :*r8 "equal";{576,141,57,37}]
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{440,70,59,37}][Place :*p2;{448,236,59,37}][Weapon :*w1;{458,182,78,37}](oppose ?f1 ?e1;
{138,156,72,37})(loc ?f1 ?p1;{294,58,40,37})(loc ?e1 ?p2;{312,252,40,37})(has ?e1 ?w1;
{320,180,45,37})<activate ?p1 ?w1;{564,132,73,37}>;{51,73,80,37}][Action :*a1[Force :*f1;
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e1 ?d1;{326,220,42,37});{59,207,52,37}][Action :*a2[Force :*f1;{38,21,60,37}][Force :*f2;
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{176,55,66,34}>(loc ?r1 ?e1;{364,200,40,37})<activate ?p1 ?w1 ?r1;{452,118,73,37}><equal ?e1 ?f2 ?
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## **Issues Utility**

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- **Standard, but no big name backers**
- **Knowledge tools and systems to read and write CGIF**

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## **Issues Reasoning**

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- **Reasoning is evolution of the graph, nodes or topology, over time.**
- **Perception (matching) of various types**
- **All the other graph operations**

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## **Issues Fundamental Knowledge Sets**

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- **Common sense human knowledge about people and things, i.e the cultural background**
  - **Substantial for even one culture**
  - **Like emotions, culture influences what you perceive and the courses of action permitted.**
  - **How do cultural systems interact?**
  - **How do emotions interact? With Knowledge? With Culture?**

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## Lessons Learned

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- **Representation is not enough**
  - **Standardized**
  - **Used**
- **Manipulations and interactions defined**